



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA TITLE: Peace Officer Memorial Month

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2007

PREPARED BY: Jerry J. Adams, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Proclaim the Month of May, 2007, to be known as Peace Officer Memorial Month throughout the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Police Department requests that the Council make this proclamation in keeping with such tributes at the state and national level. This year, the week of May 13 through May 19 is designated National Police Week, while May 3rd is the date of the California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. These ceremonies are held annually to honor the memory of over 17,900 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty throughout the United States. Of the 145 line of duty deaths in 2006, California's loss was 12 officers.

Members of the Lodi Police Department, led by its Honor Guard, will hold a ceremony early the morning of May 2nd at the gravesite of Officer Rick Cromwell (5/7/63 – 12/9/98), the only Lodi Police Officer ever lost in the line of duty. They will continue on to the Stockton Police Department where the Stockton Police Officers Association will hold Memorial Services honoring fallen law enforcement officers from throughout San Joaquin County. On Thursday, May 3rd the Lodi Police Honor Guard will participate in the California Memorial Enrollment Ceremony in Sacramento.

An inscription at the California State Memorial reads: "Go, stranger, and tell the (people) that we lie here in obedience to their laws." We urge the City Council to join in this message, honoring our fallen Peace Officers.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A

Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager